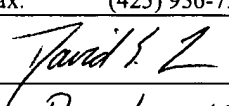


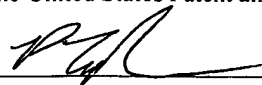


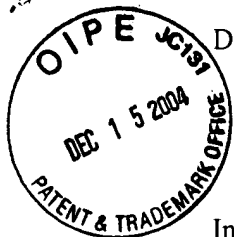
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**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Dear Sir:

Subsequent to the Notice of Allowability issued on November 10, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application, the Applicant respectfully submits the following description of the substance of the telephone interview held on October 26, 2004. The participants in the aforementioned telephone interview were Examiner Syed and the Applicant's undersigned attorney. The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his courtesy and cooperation shown throughout the prosecution of the present application.

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

As stated in the Interview Summary, which accompanied the aforementioned Notice of Allowability, the substance of the October 26, 2004 interview is as follows:

"Applicant's representative argued that Doolan fails to meet certain limitations in the claims. Examiner suggested claim amendments to resolve the issue and pass the case to allowance. Applicant's representative reviewed the amendments, and approved the Examiner's Amendment."

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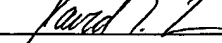
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The Applicant looks forward to early and forthright issuance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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